

*"Journalism is printing what
someone else does not want printed.
Everything else is public relations."
~ George Orwell*

Co-op Candidates; a Loss for Labor

By Jason Houk

The Ashland Food Co-op is a community dedicated to sustainability and cooperation. As a co-op owner, community organizer and Ashland citizen, I am proud to actively support our co-op, its board and our workers. There is no doubt the last year has been a challenge for all of us with labor struggles dominating the agenda. Oddly, this struggle continues to be the “elephant in the room” when it comes to our co-op board of directors.

Since 2011, many workers at the Food Co-op have been working to form a union. This was a reaction to a lack of representation and claims of unequal discipline from management. Since their organizing efforts began, pro-union workers have documented over a dozen violations of federal labor laws by co-op staff and managers.

The co-op board candidate forum was billed as an opportunity to meet the candidates, hear their statements and ask questions in an informal Q & A style. Of the four candidates on the ballot, only two took the time to attend; the room was about half full with only a dozen or more owners in attendance.

The candidates who did not attend did submit recorded statements which are posted on the Food Co-op website.

Charlie Douglass, incumbent board member, made the only statement acknowledging the workers at the Co-op, stating the “staff is incredibly friendly and helpful...” but his greatest praise was for the food, “It’s the food that makes the co-op so incredible.” If Douglass had more to say, it is uncertain as the video file was damaged and incomplete, ending abruptly.

In a recorded statement, Pepper Lewis, a newcomer to our community, was moved by personal experience to join the co-op board. She was inspired by her travels and observations of third-world farmers, seemingly unburdened by conflict, greed or GMO’s. “I wondered why more places were not like that and what else we could do or I could do to contribute to that.” Lewis dreams.

Joanie Kintscher, running for a second term, represented the incumbents. Joanie is looking forward to a second run. She enjoys awarding grants, training volunteers, working with youth, Farm to School programs and learning more about GMO’s. On the matter of board responsibilities to the workers, Kintscher is less than

enthusiastic. Her position is that supervising the co-op management is “not our role... our job is not to be involved.”

One brave co-op worker was there to ask the hard questions. “Who’s job is it to rein in the General Manager? Certain members of management were not trained properly.”, claimed the co-op worker.

Under pressure, Kintscher did concede that “we are the employers of the general manager.”

Of all the candidates, Ed Claassen seems to have the strongest background in labor relations, having worked in human resources and “team” development. He has a “vibrant vision” and hopes the board plays a “vibrant role” in the future. Claassen claims some experience working with unions but admits having no experience with union laws in Oregon. He supports the idea of “fair elections” but claims it is inappropriate to take a position. “I do know there are real challenges.” agreed Claassen.

The Co-op board has a duty to rein in the unlawful activities of their management staff. The National Labor Relations Board affirmed 13 unfair labor practice complaints and this is a MAJOR red flag that something is wrong.

It is certain that the co-op board would not tolerate theft by their General Manager and that accusations of sexual harassment or racism would be taken seriously. On the matter of violating labor laws and the rights of co-op workers, however, the board is painfully neglect in their responsibility.

The board has allowed themselves to be victims of inadequate training and continues to follow the bad advice of union-busters such as Bob Braun who is currently under investigation for unlawful lobbying activities.

Hopefully a new co-op board will step up to their responsibility where the previous board failed.

As the Ashland Food Co-op union campaign enters its final, critical stage it is crucial that we owners and community members support our workers and insist their organizing effort be free and fair and the lawlessness and intimidation of management and staff will no longer be tolerated.

The co-op election continues through June 29. All the candidates are expected to attend the Owners Picnic on June 24 at 7 pm in Lithia Park. Only owners can vote and ballots are available at the information desk at the co-op.

For more information about the history and future of the workers campaign for a free and fair election visit: www.justiceforcoopworkers.com

Ashland Cash Mob Bringing Prosperity, One Business at a Time

**When someone asks you what you did this summer,
be able to tell them you were part of a cash mob.**

By Vanessa Houk

Come out and experience the sights, smells and tastes of the Rogue Valley Growers and Crafters Market in Ashland at our third Ashland Cash mob! Cash mobs are growing in popularity and are a fun and interesting way for folks to support locally owned small businesses. You might think of a mob as a devious force, but cash mobs are positive. The idea is for a group of people to gather at a chosen local business with the intention of “mobbing” the place with their money. We hope that by hosting these we are fostering an appreciation for the “Shop Local” movement, but even more than that we are watching relationships and friendships build and grow as well.

Did you know that for every dollar that is spent locally, sixty-eight cents stays right in the community? That money is passed around to other merchants for goods and services and on to local families and those dollars makes us all more healthy and powerful.

The next cash mob is on Tuesday, June 19 at 11 am. The Tuesday Growers Market is located at the National Guard Armory 1420 E Main Street in Ashland.

There is limited parking at the Armory, so we encourage you to walk, ride bikes, scooters or skateboards. If you come by car, please be prepared to park at the ScienceWorks parking lot and walk in. There will be a pedicab available to help get you and your goods to your vehicle.

The mob will meet at the Main Street entrance and there will be free stickers and copies of the Ashland Free Press for participants. Bring your family and friends and be prepared to spend \$20 or whatever you can afford. Watch for yellow signs and balloons. This wouldn’t be the Ashland Free Press if we weren’t also working in the issue of homelessness in some way, so at the same time we are encouraging people to buy some “market money” which are little wooden tokens that come in \$2 increments. We recognize that some people are uncomfortable giving money to homeless people and think that “market money” is a viable alternative. These tokens can be spent on fresh produce and edible plants. With two Ashland market opportunities, it seems reasonable to think that passing out “market money” to Ashland’s hungry is a winning solution.

CUBA NOTES (aka my own rum diaries)

~ a multi-part series about my Cuba impressions from a month in country

by Karen Jeffery

Part 1—Welcome To Cuba



Photo via Karen Jeffery

Long after Batista's revenge runs its course, I'm still processing this amazing island - the sheer beauty of the land and beaches, a culture rich with music, art, dance¹, and spectacular architecture, it's people - warm and wonderful, gifted, happy. It's a land of baseball and rodeos, movies and ice cream, dominoes and chess, reading (Cuba enjoys virtually 100% literacy). It's a delight, a mixed bag, an enigma...and a continuing education course. It must be the *aché² - the force, a vital energy not yet sapped by the greed of capitalism or overconsumption or the heavy footprints of neighbors to the north*.

Like so many places, Cuba is a country in flux. The Revolution is a work in progress. New regulations encourage a grassroots entrepreneurship, and many are embracing the opportunities. I'm in a small shop on the main square in Santiago de Cuba when a young man comes over to ask (in near perfect English³) where we are from (standard opening gambit), then proceeds to tell us about himself and an upcoming trip to the states, which he is clearly excited about. When I ask what he thinks of the US Embargo, he reflects a moment then replies that our internal embargo supersedes any external embargo. "We need to examine what it is in us that censures, restricts, and holds us back." This sticks with me the rest of my journey, along with the internal GPS and revolution such embargoes demand. It's with me still.

We land in Habana mid April, midday, following a short one-hour flight from Cancun. My seatmates are two young men, Korean and Norwegian, eager for their first trip to Cuba, practicing their Spanish, surprised I am going there. I explain Obama's new regulations and how I am able to go to Cuba to do professional research. They think it all so crazy, symptomatic of US imperialism and control, and are not happy with the president who gave them hope for America then reneged on promises. Still, they are sweet to me. In Cuba, as in most places, people love Americans. It's our government they hate. I wonder how long that will hold.

Standing in line at immigration, I am singled out by a uniformed young man who asks me questions - where I'm from, what I'm doing here, what's my work, etc. I mention being a photographer, and when he asks to see my equipment, I pull my iPhone from my back pocket. "Pictures for my grandchildren," I say. "Oh, retired," he

returns with a wink, making sure I understand what he's saying. "Enjoy your visit." I slide right through immigration, without needing the 'required proof of insurance'. They weren't concerned with baggage weight either. Then an older uniformed worker comes up while I am waiting in line for customs, takes my arm, and guides me through the crowd. "Welcome to Cuba. I hope you enjoy," he says, smiling and steering me around the line.

It's hot. And humid. "Calore!" The midday sun scorches, and I drip for the next thirty days, but I learn from mad dogs and Englishmen, staying out of the midday sun. Quickly finding my two amigos, we load into a taxi, charging the standard fare to Habana - "\$25 cup". He takes our Canadian dollars. There are two currencies in Cuba: the convertible peso (nearly par with American/Canadian dollars) and the local peso (money nationale/MN), about 20 mn to 1 cup. But more about that later. Eyes widen on the twenty-minute trip to Cuba's capitol, a city of 2.2 million habaneros, finally arriving at the famed Malecon, just two blocks from our casa⁴. We are on a small street in Habana Vieja - a World Heritage site⁵ and architectural wonder in its third decade of restoration. It feels like a time warp, with buildings from the 1500's and classic American cars from the 1950's.

Margot is expecting us, and when we ring the bell, she leans over the balcony of her 400-year colonial home and calls down, "Buenos Tardes," as the door unlocks. We haul suitcase and backpacks up a skinny marble stairwell, arriving in the office, with twenty-foot ceilings holding crystal chandeliers, walls of Cuban art, a desk...and Margot, buried behind it, playing computer games.

Our room is a sunny corner, with a balcony overlooking Cuba and Tejadillo streets, close to everything: Plaza de la Catedral, Museo d'Art Colonial, Plaza de Armas, Obispo Street (home to galleries, music venues/bars, shops, and markets), and Hemingway's Havana haunts: Hotel Ambos Mundos, La Bodeguita del Medio, and El Floridita bars - each claiming fame to his 'favorite' drink, in order - cuba libra, mohito, and daqueri (the 'Papa Hemingway' made with grapefruit juice instead). Habana Club is easily the best rum I've ever encountered (and I lived for over thirty years in the land of mai tais). I would be remiss not to underscore the value of rum in Cuban life...and on our trip. It was ubiquitous.

But I digress. Our first night in Habana, we walk around the corner towards the baroque Catedral de San Cristobal and its large square, where music draws us into a small restaurant called Patio Amarillo. We plant right off the stage and enjoy a dinner of salad, brown rice and black beans, an enormous grilled lobster tail, dessert, coffee, and three cocktails each (mohito, piña colada, and Cuba libre), music, and salsa dancing. For \$15. What began as an intention (months before in the middle of a bleak Ashland winter) to scratch something off my bucket list, is now real. After dinner, I stand in the plaza under bell towers and stars. Welcome to Cuba!

1. We miss Carmen (the ballet) by a day.
2. Aché means 'the force', not in the sense of violence, but as vital energy.
3. Everywhere Cubans seek us out to practice their English.
4. We stay in casa particulares throughout our trip. These are rooms in private homes, often offering breakfast and/or dinner. It would have been an entirely different trip staying in hotels.
5. Cuba enjoys twelve UNESCO World Heritage sites: architecture, art schools, historic castles and towns, tropical forests and National parks, Vinales Valley, an offshore reef system...

Look for Part 2 in July.

La Clinica Mobile Health Unit Expands Services

A partnership between Community Works, La Clinica, Ashland First United Methodist Church and Peace House is bringing mobile health care to Ashland on a weekly basis.

La Clinica's mobile health unit visits the church every Tuesday before Uncle Food's Diner opens for the Tuesday evening meal. The mobile Health Center is a 40 foot clinic on wheels that was built to provide medical, dental and behavioral health care to underserved people. Homeless and low income people can visit the moving clinic for their health care and dental needs. According to Heidi Parker the dental services have been heavily utilized which prompted



them to expand their hours for the next three weeks. On Tuesday June 19, June 26 and July 3 the clinic will be providing care to walk in patients from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm. Care is offered on a sliding scale basis, and no-one is turned away for lack of payment.

According to a study published in the American Journal of Public Health, 44,789 Americans die each year because they do not have health insurance. Making health care more readily available in our community is a good first step in changing that.

Visit the La Clinica mobile health unit at the Ashland First United Methodist Church at 175 N. Main Street.

Cuba Caravan Arriving in Ashland

By Mary Ann Jones

The Pastors for Peace Cuba Caravan, an ongoing project of friendship and solidarity with the Cuban people, is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. The 23rd Caravan includes nine or ten routes scheduled to travel through more than 100 cities in the US and parts of Canada, gathering travelers and supplies for Cuba. Each night the route vehicle stops in a different city and the Caravan members are fed and hosted overnight.

The route passing through the Rogue Valley will arrive in Ashland on Thursday July 5, with a welcoming event planned at the Presbyterian Church, Siskiyou at Walker. Everyone is invited for the social hour at 6 pm, potluck dinner at 6:30, and program at 7:30. The evening will include Afro-Cuban music by Las Senoras Locas, aka Patricia Aulik, Jenel Rawstern, and Susan Fey. The Caravan route speaker will share information about the Caravan and recent news from Cuba. Ashland Code Pink will make a rare appearance, with original songs.

Sponsors of the event are Peace House, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (Ashland), and the Jackson County Pacific Green Party. For information, call 541-482-8915.

The Caravan in a disciplined act of civil disobedience against the US-imposed blockade of Cuba, in place for fifty years, and against the travel ban, which discourages US citizens from visiting our neighbor nation.

The Caravan travels to Cuba without asking for or accepting a US government license, stating that our government does not have the right to forbid us from visiting other nations.

Under the terms of the blockade, these conditions prevail:

*Sales of US products to Cuba are severely restricted, and selling Cuban products to the US is forbidden.

*Banks and businesses in other countries are being harassed for doing business with Cuba.

*The US blockade has caused the Cuban economy to lose over 750 billion dollars at current values.

*Tens of millions of US taxpayer dollars continue to go towards programs and organizations that exist to create instability in Cuba and to ultimately overthrow the Cuban government.

*The Cuban Five, political prisoners, have been held in the US since 1998 for trying to protect their people from US-sponsored terrorism.

Remembering the Tragic Death of a Colorful Life

By Vanessa Houk

"In the grove of trees where his life ended there were small reminders of the life he once lived; pieces of his tent, a ceramic bowl, and pieces of a broken glass jar. As I stood there for a few minutes, I almost felt like I was imposing, but I wanted to verify that even though he died alone, it was in a serene place. It was."
—Notes from memorial

Almost five years ago, the remains of Bennet Tanner's burnt body were discovered near the rock quarry above Lithia Park. Tanner was homeless. While most of Ashland may have forgotten about "the guy with the puppets", those of us who knew him will not abandon him from memory.

Bennet Tanner died in a fire sometime in December 2007.

A hiker discovered the burnt remains of his campsite in mid February 2008. On a rainy day in March a small group of people gathered in Lithia Park on a hill which faced US Forest Service land to stand together and mourn the loss of a friend and a long time homeless Ashland resident. Friends played music, laughed at some funny tales that revealed how smart he was and paid our respect to a comedienne who left an imprint in our community. We listened to part of a radio show that featured one of Tanner's comedy routines about how he was duped into adopting ten invisible babies. It loses something in the retelling, but it was genuinely funny material.

"Test an optimist in all kinds of weather" was printed in black marker on a piece of weathered cardboard which was found in the burnt circle of forest at the campsite where his body was found and was one of the cardboard signs Tanner was

known to carry. The Jackson County Sheriff's Department also found several sock puppets at the scene.

Tanner was a regular guest on the radio at KSKQ and had multiple routines, some of which involved his sock puppets.

The Jackson County Sheriff's Department ruled that there was no evidence of foul play. This was about six months before the unsolved murders of Dave Lewis whose life ended in a burning cabin on Dead Indian Memorial Road and Troy Carney, a truck-lumper whose body was found on the same day as Lewis, on the Greenway in Central Point.

After Tanner's death, many friends expressed doubt that his death was an accident and noted that he had been telling people that he felt threatened. He told friends he called 911, but said that he was told not to use that emergency system since he did not have a residence. Homeless people often feel as

though they are not protected by the police and the medical safety system and that was true for Bennet Tanner.

A self-described "professional optimist", Tanner is remembered for his gentle nature.

He lived in the outskirts of a community that values material wealth and in the eyes of much of Ashland he was "the homeless guy with the sock puppets".

After gathering in a circle on a hillside with many other people who cared about Bennett Tanner, I can say that it turned out that he was quite wealthy in the ways that really matter, in friendship and love.

If you have any information about the unsolved murders of Dave Lewis and/or Troy Carney, and/or memories of Bennet Tanner, please contact ashlandfreepress@activist.com.

Eagle Point Strike May Resume

Following a bitter strike in June, the Eagle Point School District 9 and members of the Eagle Point Education Association appear to be on the road to more conflict.

"We are pleased to announce the D9 School Board voted to ratify our tentative agreements. That said, they did not vote to ratify the contract. Leaving the status of the new contract unratified and in limbo, while we resolve our differences," said Dave Carrell EPEA President. "I'm extremely disappointed. Frustrated and disappointed. We've lost another opportunity to start rebuilding relationships," noted Carrell.

"I was shocked" said Daniel Burdis, Local UniServ Consultant. "They have had the contract we were voting on for a week and never told us there were any problems, or that they'd be voting on anything different." Our next step will be to work with the District to find out what the actual differences between the proposals are, and what can be done to resolve the difficulties. After reaching resolution we will determine if a new membership vote is needed to ratify the contract again or if another strike vote is required. If the differences are minor we can ratify it through our Executive Council and a special meeting of the Bargaining Council, and if they are significant then we may need to go back on strike. "D9 seems to want the strike and strife to continue," Burdis commented.

In addition, School Board member Mark Bate-man was allegedly censored for taking the time during the strike to speak with community members, employees, and students. One EPEA member that attended the Board meeting noted, "I was shocked they would censor a Board member who actually took the time to speak to the community." According to a statement by the EPEA, the board did not forward the matter to the Department of Education or the Government Standards and Practices Commission. No actions were taken against the other Board members who spoke to strikers, spoke on campus about the strike, spoke to community members, or had striking employees in their home discussing the issues.

Smart Meters? Why not smart jobs?

With all the controversy about Smart Meters, wouldn't it be wiser to simply hire meter readers to do the task as it was always meant to be done? The way I see it is we do not have a lack of high tech gadgets and gizmos poisoning the environment and replacing workers... what we do lack are good, healthy jobs in our community. Instead of spending more money to "upgrade", why not hire community members to walk the beat? Truly this is what our community values.

Joyce Segers to Run Against Greg Walden for Congress

Democratic candidate Joyce Segers is running against Greg Walden for Oregon 2nd Congressional seat. As misreported in Ashland's Sneak Preview, her name is NOT Eggers but Segers. As an informed citizen it is crucial to know our next representatives name. :)

Find out more about her campaign at: www.segersforcongress.org

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DREAM Act Immigration Rights Forum

There will be a panel presentation on immigration, human rights, and local law enforcement issues and answers at the Rogue Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 87 4th Street in Ashland on June 26, from 6:30 pm to 8 pm.

Immigration is a highly complex moral, social, and political issue. A panel of presenters including Sarah Schendel, an immigration attorney, Terry Holderness, the Chief of Police in Ashland, Diana Banda, of the Immigrant Youth Alliance and Dave Lefkowitz with Southern Oregon Amnesty International, will sit on a panel to provide their perspective, tell their stories, and answer our questions. Come learn more about life as a person raised in the US without legal residency, the complexities of law enforcement, and the impact of the national "Secure Communities" program. Contact: Steve Jensen, sjensen355@gmail.com, 541-890-6353



JACO Dems Lecture Series The Arab Spring and the Seasons to Follow

We didn't see it coming, what makes us think we know where it's going?

~ Thomas Friedman

We don't know who it was that discovered water but we're sure it wasn't a fish."

~ Marshall McLuhan

This odd pairing of sayings will form the context for general remarks about Egypt's people and their ongoing transformation from subjects to citizens.

Timothy Dolan, professor of Public Administration will be the featured speaker on Thursday, June 28, 6:30 p.m. at the Oregon Education Association building, 2495 South Pacific Highway Medford.

Ashland Time Bank Potluck Scheduled

A membership gathering and potluck for Ashland's Time Bank will be on June 28, 7:00 pm at Hidden Springs Wellness Center, just off of Siskiyou Blvd. and Ashland Streets (just behind the Ashland Street Cinema). Members and newcomers are welcome to attend and help create the Time Bank. The Time Bank is a community-building, alternative economy program that exchanges labor and goods through barter and service. For more information visit www.sotb.org

Fam Jam: Solstice Benefit for GMO Free Jackson County

Fam Jam will host a benefit to help to raise money and awareness for GMO Free Jackson County and their efforts "to protect the growth and propagation of non-genetically engineered plants and animals by banning the cultivation of GMOs in Jackson County." The event will include a potluck, speakers and music lineup. The benefit will be at the Jackson Wellsprings on Wednesday June 20th from 5:30 -10:30 pm.

SAVE THE DATE:

Our Changing Climate: What's Going to Happen Here; What Can I Do About It? August 6th, 7-9 pm in Room 118 Science Hall on the SOU campus.

Ashland Plaza Upgrades Planned Citizens invited to provide input

The Ashland City Council is working on a plan to improve the landscaping in the town plaza and the public is invited to be part of the process.

"The plaza is an entrance to Lithia Park, which is so beautiful. We want that same beauty to be reflected throughout the downtown," said Anne Seltzer, with the City of Ashland.

Covey Pardee Landscape Architects out of Ashland and Mount Shasta are creating a plan which will include changes to the current seating arrangements and new plants.

There are two public outreach meetings where according to the city's website, residents can "review conceptual designs and provide comments and input." The first public outreach meeting will be held on June 21 from 11 am to 1 pm and from 5 pm to 7 pm at 51 Windburn Way. During the meeting Covey Pardee will present three plans for public input and discussion. From those meetings the architects will work to develop a single preferred plan of action. On July 9 there will be two more public outreach meetings from 11 am to 1 pm and from 5 pm to 7 pm. On July 16, Covey Pardee will present the final plan to the city council.

Is this a push to remove seating from the city's plaza in an ongoing effort to push homeless people out of Ashland? How much money will the city be spending on these improvements and what exactly is wrong with the plants that are currently growing on

Save the Music, Summer Celebration



Fundraiser for KSKQ, Ashland's Community Radio, 89.5 FM www.kskq.org

Join community radio supporters at the Casbah stage at Jackson Wellsprings from 5 -10 pm on Saturday, June 23rd for five hours of local musical performances.

The cost is \$15, and donations are encouraged to help keep KSKQ on the air.

Lineup includes:

Aletha Nowitzky - experimental acappella
Heather Hutton - Celtic/Folk
Richard Raven Williams - Folk rock, world fusion
Gene Burnett - Folk/singer-songwriter
JaM - Electro-Acoustic world fusion, reggae, and alternative dance music
DJ sets with original electronic world fusion by Martin Ball

There will also be a raffle give away of local musicians' CD's. Come on out and show your community love and support!

Occupy Ashland Presents:

Movie Night @ Peace House! The Foreclosure Education Series

The third Friday of each month Occupy Ashland presents movies concerning the current political and economic crisis in our country. Come join us for education and discussion. Doors open 6:30, movies start at 7 p.m.

- July 20th: The Future Of Food.
- August 17th: Thrive

For questions or more information please contact occupyashland@gmail.com.

Occupy Ashland General Assembly Sundays, 2 pm in the Ashland Plaza For more information visit: www.occupyashlandoregon.org



Occupy Medford General Assembly NEW TIME / LOCATION

The Occupy Medford General Assemblies will be held on Saturdays at Alba Park starting at 10 am. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information visit www.occupymedfordoregon.org.

League of Women Voters Candidate Fair and the Historical Society's Chautauqua Events

In the tradition of the Chautauqua lectures, two organizations have joined together for a rousing old-fashioned mid-summer event. Organizers promise music, entertainment, oratory, food, drama and feats of enlightenment at the historic Hanley Farm, 1053 Hanley Road, between Jacksonville and Central Point.

League of Women Voters Candidates Fair
Saturday, July 14, 2012, 11:00am – 1:00pm
free admission

Public Chautauqua events and entertainments
Saturday, July 14, 2012, 11:00am – 5:00pm
Full day admission: \$8.00 Adults
\$4.00 SOHS Members/Children 5–12
Free Children 4 and under



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OCCUPY GRANTS PASS Summer Schedule

Weekly demonstration/rally Thursdays 4-5:30p.m. in front of the Josephine County Courthouse, 500 N.W. Sixth St., Grants Pass.

First Thursday demonstration/rally on the 7th St. Bridge near Riverside Park, 4-5:30p.m. Some members of our group will still rally in front of the courthouse on first Thursday as described above.

Our General Assembly is the third Saturday each month, 1-3p.m. near the white gazebo in Riverside Park at 304 E.Park St., Grants Pass. Demonstration/rally 12:00-1:00p.m. on the 7th St. Bridge near Riverside Park.

More info: Bring a sign that expresses how you feel about the 1% purchasing our congress, leaving the 99% with high unemployment or underemployment, foreclosures, debt and war injuries and trauma, lack of health care and education opportunities, etc. Occupy Grants Pass is not a place to promote your particular candidate for President or other office.

For details, contact Jerry Reed of Citizens for Peace and Justice at 541-474-6847 or e-mail at vgr707@gmail.com .

Medford Occupy Potluck Friday, June 29 - 5 PM

This is a Pot Luck, food will be supplied by Occupy Medford but if people want to bring something to share, it is welcome! We are allowing a few organizations to speak about their efforts etc. If you want to speak, please contact Occupy Medford via Facebook or occupymedford@gmail.com. There will be an open forum for people to discuss topics and plan actions.